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SUBJ: MRS. MARY POMEROY AND SOCIETY FOR FRIENDSHIP AMONG
WOMEN

REF : (A) JIDDA 5592; (B) CAIRO 7297; (C) STATE 231873

1. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REF C FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMED THE
EMBASSY THAT IT HAD RECEIVED A TELEGRAM (APPARENTLY A RATHER
UNINFORMATIVE ONE) FROM SAUDI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON CONCERN-
ING A GROUP OF AMERICAN LADIES INTERESTED IN VISITING SAUDI
ARABIA.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM US ON THE
GROUP. WE PASSED ON THE LIMITED INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US
FROM OUR CABLE EXCHANGES WITH CAIRO (REF B AND PREVIOUSL) AND
SAID THAT WE EXPECTED TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH
WE WOULD GIVE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. MINISTRY SAID THAT
THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE PASSED ON TO THE "CONCERNED AUTHOR-
ITIES" FOR ACTION WHEN AVAILABLE.

3. EMBASSY HAS YET TO RECEIVE FROM MRS. POMEROY INFORMATION
ON THE PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES OF SOCIETY FOR FRIENDSHIP
AMONG WOMEN WHICH WE SUGGESTED SHE SEND US (REF A). SUGGEST
THE DEPARTMENT CONTACT MRS. POMEROY AND HAVE HER SEND THIS
INFORMATION TO US RIGHT AWAY. MRS. POMEROY HAS
SUCCEEDED IN ENGAGING THE SAUDI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, AND,
AT LEAST TENTATIVELY, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHICH WE NOTED
IN REF A IS A REQUISITE FOR THE SUCCESS OF HER PROJECT IN
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SAUDI ARABIA. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO ASSIT HER IN NUDGING

THE PROJECT ALONG, AND PENDING THE RECEIPT OF INFORMATION FROM MRS. POMEROY, WE WILL GIVE THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT HER GROUP CONTAINED IN REF C.

4. WE THINK THAT THE CHANCES ARE VERY VERY SLIM THAT THE SAG WILL AUTHORIZE VISA ISSUANCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE BELIEVE, FOR INSTANCE, THAT THE SAG WOULD WANT TO HAVE THE GROUP'S SCHEDULE WORKED OUT IN VERY CONSIDERABLE DETAIL BEFORE IT WOULD EVEN CONSIDER THE ISSUANCE OF A VISA.
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